

"And the things that thou hast heard of me among many witnesses, the same commit thou to faithful men, who shall be able to teach others also." - 2 Timothy 2:2

February 2015 Newsletter

Dear friends and Supporters,

Strong Beginning

The New Year has started well as we have had new churches partner with us, which brings our support level to 75% ! Brenda and I have enjoyed being home for a while, getting to spend some time with our children & grandkids, visit supporting churches, and share our ministry with new churches. This time has also allowed me to catch up on paperwork, scheduling, reading, and ministry planning.

<u>Liberia - Ebola Update</u>

I am very pleased to say that the Ebola situation is finally getting better! I stay in weekly communication with our pastors in Liberia and they tell me that they are beginning to move about without total fear. They have reopened the public schools, which have been closed since the outbreak. While they are still cautious and must go through several check-points, they are able to travel from the villages to Monrovia for supplies.

Another very big blessing is that the Post Office in Monrovia is also open once again! This will allow us to send packages, but most importantly, it enables us to get our Bible Colleges going again! They actually received the materials that they were to receive in August, just last week. So, they will be working on the Fall Semester instead of the Spring Semester.

Thank you all once again for the contributions to the Food Relief and for Pastor Dwanyen's vehicle! We received the exact amount needed, \$1500 and he is

getting the **new tires and brakes**! He is so grateful!

<u>Ghana</u>

There is some concern that the Ebola may yet spread to Ghana; but with the situation easing in Liberia, they are hopeful that there will be no occurrences in their country. We are thankful that there has been no stoppage of our Bible College there and they are now in their Spring Semester.

We continue to make preparation for the home we will be staying in. The concrete floors have been tiled and a private bathroom built for us. We are now trying to raise the \$3700 needed to put burglar proof windows and burglar bars in the window openings.

Faith Promise Works!

Sometimes, when you are so used to giving to Faith Promise Missions, we tend to miss when the Lord provides what we have committed. I was reminded today when I took our van to Toyota for an oil change. Because they did not finish in one hour, I got it for FREE; That saved me almost \$50! Also, I had to put a new door latch on our back hatch. They said it would be \$100 labor; so, with a little help from google, I was able to do it myself. We have 128,000 miles on our van and our brakes are still in the low level for wear. And then, the gas prices, \$1.75 gal. I'm saving about \$20 every time I fill up!

So, don't forget the little things God does to honor your faithfulness to mission giving!

God's Best, Rick & Brenda Osborn

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